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FM AMEMBASSY BONN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1328

INFO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW IMMEDIATE

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DEPARTMENT PASS TREASURY AND DEFENSE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EFIN, GW

SUBJECT: OFFSET

REF: (A) STATE 59808; (B) STATE 59590

1. WE HAVE CONVEYED TO FOREIGN OFFICE THE SUBSTANCE OF STATE 59808. THE FOREIGN OFFICE TELLS US THAT DURING BONN STOPOVER ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMANN DISCUSSED THIS QUESTION WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY HERMES AND THAT IT WAS AGREED BETWEEN THE TWO THAT THE GERMAN SIDE WOULD NOW STUDY THE US DRAFT OF THE TEXT OF THE NEW AGREEMENT WHICH HAS BEEN TRANSMITTED TO THE FRG THROUGH THE GERMAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. THE GERMAN SIDE WILL NEED ABOUT ONE MORE WEEK TO STUDY THESE TEXTS SINCE INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES CAN ONLY COMMENCE AFTER THE BASIC AGREEMENT ITSELF HAS BEEN FORMALLY ACCEPTED BY THE FEDERAL CABINET--WHICH IS EXPECTED TO TAKE PLACE TOMORROW. THE GERMAN SIDE WOULD THEN TRANSMIT ANY SUGGESTED CHANGES TO US BY THE MIDDLE OF NEXT WEEK AND ON THE BASIS OF SUCH SUGGESTED CHANGES IT
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COULD THEN BE DECIDEDWHETHER ANOTHER NEGOTIATING

SESSION OR AN EXPERTS SESSION IS NECESSARY TO
FINALIZE THE AGREEMENT.

2. HERMES IS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT THE ABOVE TIME
SCHEDULE ALSO CORRESPONDS TO THE WISHES OF ASSISTANT
SECRETARY HARTMAN WHO TOLD HIM THAT HE DID NOT PLAN
TO STOP IN BONN ON THE WAY BACK FROM MOSCOW AND THAT HE
WOULD WISH A FEW DAYS AFTER HIS RETURN TO WASHINGTON
TO FAMILIARIZE HIMSELF WITH THE DETAILS OF THE OFFSET
BEFORE PROCEEDING FURTHER IN THE NEGOTIATIONS. IN ANY
CASE THE GERMAN SIDE DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT IT CAN BE
READY FOR ANY FURTHER DISCUSSIONS, EVEN AT THE
TECHNICAL LEVEL, PRIOR TO THE MIDDLE OF NEXT WEEK.
AMBASSADOR HERMES HIMSELF WILL NOT BE IN BONN NEXT
WEEK AND WILL RETURN ONLY ON APRIL 8.

3. EMBASSY ECONOMIC MINISTER HAS AN APPOINTMENT WITH
HERMES AT ELEVEN A.M. LOCAL TIME TOMORROW,
MARCH 27. WOULD APPRECIATE REACTION TO THE GERMAN
SUGGESTIONS PRIOR TO THAT TIME.

4. FOREIGN OFFICE TELLS US THAT GERMAN OFFER OF
DM 20 MILLION FOR LAND TAXES AND LANDING FEES IS
THOUGHT OF AAS A LUMP SUM PAYMENT WHICH CAN
BE SPENT BY THE US GOVERNMENT AS IT DESIRES WITHIN
THE TWO SPECIFIED CATEGORIES.
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